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## **Secretary of State's Website in Top 10**

Cheyenne, Wyoming – Secretary of State Max Maxfield issued a media release citing a recent Pew Foundation study which ranked the Wyoming Secretary of State's website in the top 10 nationally.

In a recent study released by the Pew Foundation, Wyoming ranked in the top 10 in the country for Best Elections Websites. Websites in all 50 states were examined to determine if citizens could find the official election information they needed to register to vote, check their registration status, locate their polling places, and assist with election related information.

Making Voting Work, a project of the Pew Center on the States, has as its goal making the election system work optimally for all voters. The study points out that according to experts, on average, people spend less than two minutes on a website before they abandon their search for information and websites that quickly and easily deliver the information citizens seek about elections will potentially improve the voting experience. The report commends the Wyoming website as being "easy to read and scan."

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“We are very proud of our new website and I am pleased that Pew has seen, and acknowledged, the value of our site by ranking us 8<sup>th</sup> in the country. Honestly, my staff and I are constantly looking to improve the way we deliver services to the public, so we have made even more improvements since the Pew study was conducted,” Secretary of State Maxfield stated. “For example, we have included more links to pertinent information right from our home page so people do not have to dig very far to get the information they need,” Maxfield explained.

“I continue to be proud of my staff and I particularly commend Andrea Byrne our Technology Director and Peggy Nighswonger our State Election Director for collaboration on making our site one of the best in the country. It makes our jobs all the more fun when we get the acknowledgement of national organizations like this,” Maxfield said.